

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Janna Taylor, on February 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Janna Taylor, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 237, 1/29/2015; HB 183, 1/28/2015; SB 226, 1/28/2015

Executive Action: SB 237 Do Pass: SB 214 Be Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 237**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 237, Revise laws governing impact fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:28 David Nielsen, Montana League of City and Towns (MLCT)

00:04:25 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell

00:07:39 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:29 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:09:01 Sen. Blasdel

00:09:16 Mr. Russell, Kalispell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:32 Sen. Blasdel

00:10:55 Chair Taylor

**HEARING ON SB 226**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:03 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 226, Revise subdivision review criteria laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:31 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors

00:14:45 Dustin Stewart, executive director, Montana Building Industry Association

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00:14:45 Sen. Tutvedt entered the hearing.

00:18:46 Bill VanCanagan, Montana Association of Realtors

00:21:26 Jason Rice, Territorial Landworks Incorporated

00:23:47 Jerry Hamlin, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:12 Sam Ore, self  
00:28:44 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana  
00:29:58 Erin Farris-Olsen, Montana Smart Growth Coalition  
00:32:52 Robin Yancey, Northern Plains Resource Council  
00:33:33 John MacDonald, City of Missoula  
00:34:54 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:17 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:10 Sen. Buttrey  
00:40:31 Mr. Nielsen, MLCT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:58 Sen. Webb  
00:42:20 Chair Taylor

**HEARING ON HB 183**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:33 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 183, Revise annexation laws related to parks.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:29 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:47:52 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:18 Sen. Barrett  
00:52:50 Ms. DePuy, MACo  
00:53:01 Rep. Mandeville  
00:53:31 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:55:03 Ms. DePuy  
00:55:46 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:56:17 Sen. Barrett left the hearing.  
00:58:08 Mr. Nielsen, MLCT  
00:58:18 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:58:54 Chair Taylor  
00:59:02 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:59:09 Sen. Vuckovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:52 Rep. Mandeville  
01:00:52 Chair Taylor

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 214**

01:01:16 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 214 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:01:49 Sen. Vance  
01:02:14 Sen. Vuckovich

01:02:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt made a substitute motion that **SB 214 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

**Discussion on SB 204:**

01:04:30 Chair Taylor  
01:04:34 Sen. Vance  
01:04:49 Chair Taylor

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237**

01:05:06 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 237 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:05:36 Sen. McNally  
01:05:49 Chair Taylor

01:06:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

01:06:29 Chair Taylor

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los25aad.pdf](#))**